AUSTRALIA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II; represented by Governor Gen. David HURLEY
Head of Government
Prime Minister Scott MORRISON
Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Federal Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Capital
Canberra
Legislature
bicameral Federal Parliament consists of Senate (76 seats) and House of Representatives (150 seats)
Judiciary
High Court of Australia (consists of 7 justices, including the chief justice)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Joseph Benedict HOCKEY
US Ambassador
Ambassador Arthur B. CULVAHOUSE

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
its open market limits restrictions on imports of goods and services; significant exporter of natural resources, energy, and food
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.248 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$50,400 (2017 est.)
Exports
$231.6 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 33.5%, Japan 14.6%, South Korea 6.6%, India 5%, Hong Kong 4% (2017)
Imports
$221 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 22.9%, US 10.8%, Japan 7.5%, Thailand 5.1%, Germany 4.9%, South Korea 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
25.5 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.4% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
English 25.9%, Australian 25.4%, Irish 7.5%, Scottish 6.4%, Italian 3.3%, German 3.2%, Chinese 3.1%, Indian 1.4%, Greek 1.4%, Dutch 1.2%, other 15.8% (includes Australian aboriginal .5%), unspecified 5.4% (2011 est.)
Language
English 72.7%, Mandarin 2.5%, Arabic 1.4%, Cantonese 1.2%, Vietnamese 1.2%, Italian 1.2%, Greek 1%, other 14.8%, unspecified 6.5% (2016 est.)
Religion
Protestant 23.1%, Roman Catholic 22.6%, other Christian 4.2%, Muslim 2.6%, Buddhist 2.4%, Orthodox 2.3%, Hindu 1.9%, other 1.3%, none 30.1%, unspecified 9.6% (2016 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 86.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.43% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

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